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BY THE KING.

Injunctions concerning the Garrison of Oxford, *in Order to Religion.*

WHEREAS severall Commands have (by Our Proclamation) been published for the advancement of Piety and Religion within Our Garrisons and Armies, which nevertheless have

not been prosecuted with that due observance, and obedience as we could wish. We are therefore further pleased to Command these following Injunctions to be duly observed, *viz.*

1. First, That the Church of S^t *Giles* in *Oxford*, be the place whereunto the Souldiers of this Garrison repaire to heare Divine Service, and Sermon, every Sunday morning.

2. That the Chaplaines Generall (as heretofore by Proclamation was Ordered) doe appoint the Chaplaines of the Respective Regiments both of Horse and Foot, to Preach in their courses, to assist at the Administration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper, and if occasion serve, in the absence of the Vicar, to officiate Divine Service.

3. For the countenancing of Gods Holy Worship, and encouragement of the Souldiers in those Acts of Piety, the Governour, as oft as his Attendance on Our Person or Commands will permit, doe make that Church of S^t *Giles* the place of his publique Devotion on Sunday mornings.

4. That the Governour Order the Commanders both of Horse and Foot to Command their severall Troopers and Souldiers to attend them to that Church every Sunday morning.

5. Because late comming to Church is a fault next to the utter neglect of it, that the Officers and Souldiers have strict Order to be present at S^t *Giles's* Church every Sunday morning, by nine of the Clock, there to joyne with the Congregation in the beginning of the Prayers, and the neglect thereof to be punished by the Governour.

6. That

6. That the Chaplaines Generall, with the advice of the Governour, appoint the times wherein the Officers and Souldiers both of Horſe and Foot, ſhall receive the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

7. That upon demand made by the Chaplaines of the Reſpective Regiments, the Clarke of every Regiment, or ſome other Officer, whom the Colonells of each Regiment ſhall appoint, deliver up unto the Chaplaines of their Reſpective Regiments, and they unto the Chaplaines Generall, the number of all Souldiers in their particular Regiments, as ought to receive the Bleſſed Sacrament, that ſo proviſion be made of Bread and Wine, proportionable to the number of the Communicants.

8. That becauſe many Common Souldiers may be ignorant of the maine Fundamentall Grounds of Religion, or live in open prophaneſſe, and in that reſpect are unfit to approach thoſe ſacred myſteries. That the Chaplaines uſe their beſt endeavours, both in publique Sermons, gravely to reprove all prophaneſſe, as alſo to take the fitteſt times for ſuch ſober and private Information, as may beſt tend to the Reformation and Inſtruction of ſuch Parties, as may be made Partakers of the Bleſſed Sacrament.

9. That all Officers and Souldiers demeane themſelves reverently in the time of Divine Service and Sermon, ſitting uncovered, and uſing ſuch Geſtures and Poſtures, as by the Rubrick in the Booke of Common Prayer, and by the Canons are injoyned.

10. That the Officers Command the Common Souldiers, both at their coming to, and departure

from Church, to behave themselves modestly, without Clamour or Tumult.

11. Because there are in this Garrison a considerable number of Welch men, who being ignorant of the English Tongue, are thereby debarr'd of the comfort and benefit of publique Prayers, Sermons, and Sacraments. We doe hereby Command the Chaplaines Generall, to procure some Learned honest Minister, to instruct those poore Soules in their Native Language; And he shall receive from Our Treasurer at Warre, some reasonable Salary for his paines.

12. That when the season of the Weather, and other publick occasions will permit, that the Parade be so ordered, that the Ancient and Pious Custome of having Prayers there, may be revived, that so they may Pray for a Blessing upon themselves and their employments, before they mount their severall Guards, at which time, with the Prayers of the Church, the Chaplaines may use some of those Occasionall Prayers lately published in that Manuall of Prayers, fitted to these Calamitous times.

13. That because amongst many other sinnes which haue blasted Our Hopes, and Scandalized the High Justice of Our Common Cause, the Horrid Sinnes of Swearing, Blasphemy, and Drunkennesse, are most frequent, whereby God hath been provoked to withhold a Blessing from Our Enterprizes, That all Officers and Souldiers so offending, upon complaint made, may receive punishment according to the Articles of the Army heretofore published.

14. That the Governour Command Patrolls to

goe up and downe the Streets during the time of Divine Service and Sermon, to see that no Souldiers stand in the Streets, but repaire to Church, as also that none during that time, be in Tavernes or Ale-houses.

15. That neither Officers nor Souldiers may pretend Ignorance of these Our Royall Commands; It is Our Will and Pleasure, That these Injunctions be Printed, and publiquely read three severall Sundayes successively in S^t *Giles's* Church, and that the Chaplaines of the Respective Regiments have Copies of these Orders, and at convenient times publish them to their Regiments.

16. Lastly, Our Expresse Will and Pleasure is, That these Orders be sent to the rest of Our Garrisons, with Command, That the substance of them shall be the Rule of their Publique Worship, and that they conforme themselves unto them, as farre as the condition of each Garrison will permit.

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